



Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet National Farm Machinery Show

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49th Annual Championship Tractor Pull Returns to Freedom Hall

Tickets on sale now.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (November 30, 2016) — Former champions and a record-breaking number of women drivers will compete at the 49th annual Championship Tractor Pull sponsored by Syngenta. More than 70,000 fans will fill Freedom Hall Feb. 15-18 for the four-day event. Held in conjunction with the National Farm Machinery Show, the nation's best drivers will compete for the Grand Champion title and a share of \$250,000 in prize money.

A number of 2016 Tractor Pull Grand Champions are returning: Terry Blackbourn, Newton, WI; Steve Bunnage, Golden Gate, IL; Matt Clemons, Wakeman, OH; Mendi Nelson, Cat Spring, TX; and Kevin Schmucker, Louisville, OH.

The 2017 Championship Tractor Pull will break last year's record for the number of women competitors. Pullers include Anna Belle Bradley, Elora, TN; Ashley Corzine, Assumption, IL; Bethany Nelson, Altamont, IL; Mendi Nelson, Cat Spring, TX; Misty Nelson, Sidney, IL; Julia Ray, Beloit, OH; Monica Shaw, Franklin, KY; Lisa Tatum, Bardstown, KY and Renee Theobald, Shelbyville, IN.

New categories of competition were added this year: 6,350 Modified 4x4 Trucks and 9,500 Limited Pro Stock Tractors.

Tickets are on sale now and available at the Kentucky Exposition Center Ticket Office, by phone at 1-800-745-3000 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Times and prices vary by day:

•	Wednesday, Feb. 15	7 p.m.	\$20 and \$40
•	Thursday, Feb. 16	7 p.m.	\$20 and \$40
•	Friday, Feb. 17	7:30 p.m.	\$25 and \$45
•	Saturday, Feb. 18	1 p.m.	\$20 and \$40
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For the complete list of 2017 drivers — and additional information about the Championship Tractor Pull — visit www.champpull.org.

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The <u>National Farm Machinery Show</u> (NFMS) is the nation's largest indoor farm show and features the agricultural industry's most comprehensive display of equipment, services and technology. Held annually at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, it attracts 300,000 attendees from the U.S. and around the world. The country's oldest indoor tractor pull, the Championship Tractor Pull, accompanies the show and provides an added element of entertainment and competition. NFMS contributes \$20.1 million in economic impact to the Commonwealth each year, and is owned and produced by the Kentucky State Fair Board.

Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, the Kentucky Exposition Center is easily accessible and just seven minutes south of downtown Louisville. Entrances to the facility are located off Phillips Lane, Crittenden Drive and Preston Highway. Parking is \$8 per vehicle.